



Terrence C. Burke

December 2, 1941 - February 2, 2017

Terrence Charles “Terry” Burke, 75, of Easton, MD, died at Memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 2, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Oak Park, IL, on December 2, 1941, and was the eldest of four children of Mildred Vivian Davis Burke and Robert William Burke.

Terry grew up in the state of Washington, graduating from Sunnyside High School in 1960 and the University of Washington with a BA in Philosophy in 1965. He joined the United States Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Captain, serving in Vietnam in the Eleventh Motor Transport Battalion. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his courage in combat.

Following his military service, Terry served in the regulatory environment of healthcare as a Presidential Exchange Fellow, in the healthcare delivery system in his capacity as a Director of Prudential’s Prepaid Group Practice Program, and as a Senior Officer in the healthcare financing industry. He was with Prudential Insurance Company, Cigna Corporation, Aetna Corporation, and MetraHealth Corporation, holding such positions as Senior Vice President of National Operations; Senior Vice President of Managed Care; Senior Executive Vice President, responsible for strategic planning, product development, and mergers and acquisitions. Terry served on the Board of Directors of MedSolutions, a Radiology Management Company, and Systems Excellence, a Prescription Drug technology and management company

(PBM). Terry's career gave the family opportunities to live in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, Avon, CT, Nashville, and three times in New Jersey and McLean, Virginia.

Upon their retirement in 1996, Terry and his wife, Sherry, moved to Easton and purchased a sailboat named Chinook Wind. They enjoyed sailing the Chesapeake Bay with the Cruising Sailors of St. Michaels and the Poplar Island Yacht Club. Terry filled his retirement with golf at Talbot Country Club, his poker club, seeing friends at the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and he loved to play bridge. He was an avid reader of anything about finance, history and philosophy and enjoyed lively discussions on those topics.

Terry is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sherry Burke; their daughter, Katherine Burke Johnson and her husband, Bruce, of Beaverdam, VA; his daughter-in-law, Erica Roper Burke, of Redondo Beach, CA; his grandchildren, Henry Johnson, Alice Johnson, and Korbin Burke; his sister, Candyce Louise Burke of Kirkland, WA; his brothers, Donald James Burke and his wife, Athena, of Marietta, GA, and Richard Dwayne Burke and his wife, Jeanne, of Anacortes, WA, and his niece, Melina Burke; and nephew, Michael Burke.

In addition to his parents, Terry was predeceased by his son, Cameron William Burke in 2011.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Talbot Country Club, Easton, MD, on Sunday, March 5, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Terry will be buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

For those wishing to make a memorial donation, please do so to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot Street St., St. Michaels, MD 21663 for the sailing school, or to Talbot Humane, P O Box 1143, Easton.

MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Talbot Country Club
6142 Country Club Drive
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ Terrence C. Burke

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



In 1976 I moved from Dallas to Houston to work as a Marketing rep for Terry as he launched PruCare for the local employers. He was an excellent leader and hard-charging in his efforts to bring an HMO to the community. Terry was 35 at the time. We all knew he was destined for bigger roles and hated to see him move on.

John M Southworth - May 23, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Terrence C. Burke

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Terrence C. Burke

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *In 1980, Terry bought a computer for \$3500 And caught hell from corporate. He was a good person who wanted to do the right thing.*
Mark shaughnessy

Mark Shaughnessy - April 07, 2021 at 10:38 PM

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“ My name is Jim Knostman and although I haven't had contact with Terry for 60 years I was saddened to find out about his death and would like to offer my condolences to his family. I lived across the street from the Burkes in Richland, Washington during Terry and my grade and jr. high school days until they moved to Sunnyside. We did stay in touch and spent weekends together occasionally through high school but lost touch thereafter. Several years ago I tried to run him down on the internet but was unsuccessful. All I had ever heard was that he was in the health industry in some capacity . It sounds like he had a very successful career and he, with his interest in health care, philosophy, golf, bridge, poker and travel, I think our friendship would have continued if we had continued to be in proximity. Please give my regards to his brothers. Jim Knostman, M.D. Billings, Montana

Jim Knostman - April 10, 2017 at 07:35 PM

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“ Sherry and Family - Very sad to hear about Terry's passing. He I first met in late 1977 when he hired me at Central Essex Health Plan (CEHP). Over the years he has been boss, mentor and advisor. A year after I joined CEHP, Terry helped ease my move to Prudential. He was a great supporter at Prudential through the 1980s. In about 1993, after I left Prudential and was not sure what to do next, Terry helped me get a consulting engagement with Aetna which started my whole second career. Several years later he again provided excellent advise as I started a company, including using his industry contacts to make introductions. Terry was one of a kind. He once explained his mode of operation to me as fire, ready, then aim. We all need people that can make change happen and he was one of those. He was an agent of change, which I'm sure he is still doing in some manner.

Take care, Al Walker

Albert Walker - February 08, 2017 at 10:26 AM